

Ridge Regression Example

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Model Fitting Algorithm

The `mtool` implementation uses stochastic gradient descent, and thus is well-suited in terms of speed to problems with a large N .

We simulate data from a multinomial distribution with 3 classes (class 0 is the reference class). To return the correct results from `mtool`, it is very important to make sure that Y is numeric and that the categories are coded as 0, 1, 2, ...etc. with 0 as the reference.

Case : Sparse settings with regularization ($\alpha = 0.5$, Ridge Regression)

Elastic Net Penalization in `mtool`

The optimization performed on `mtool` calls the `Proximal Toolbox`, which is a toolbox in the larger `SPAMS` (SPArse Modeling Software) optimization toolbox for sparse decomposition problems. For the Elastic-Net penalty, for every column of u of $U = [u^1, \dots, u^n]$ in $\mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$, one column of $V = [v^1, \dots, v^n]$ in $\mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$ is computed to solve the following proximal operator:

$$\min_{v \in \mathbb{R}^p} \frac{1}{2} \|u - v\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|v\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|v\|_2^2$$

We set $\lambda_1 = \lambda\alpha$ and $\lambda_2 = \frac{\lambda(1-\alpha)}{2}$ to obtain the Elastic Net penalty implemented in `glmnet` as well from Zou and Hastie., 2005.

1. $N > p$ ($N = 1000$, $p = 10$)

```
set.seed(200)
# Generate covariates
X <- matrix(rnorm(10000), 1000, 10)
```

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# coefficients for each choice with some sparsity
X1 <- rep(0, 10)
X2 <- c(rep(0.5, 5), rep(0, 5))
zero_X2 <- which(X2 == 0)

X3 <- c(rep(-1, 4), rep(0, 6))
zero_X3 <- which(X3 == 0)

# vector of probabilities
vProb = cbind(exp(X%*%X1), exp(X%*%X2), exp(X%*%X3))

# multinomial draws
mChoices <- t(apply(vProb, 1, rmultinom, n = 1, size = 1))
dfM <- cbind.data.frame(y = apply(mChoices, 1, function(x) which(x == 1)), X)
# Rename covariates
colnames(dfM)[2:11] <- paste0('x', 1:10)

# 0, 1, 2 for levels
Y <- as.numeric(dfM$y-1)

# Covariate matrix
X <- as.matrix(dfM[, c(2:11)])

# Rename covariates
colnames(X) <- paste0('x', 1:10)

```

Fitting the two models (`nnet` does not provide a penalized implementation of the multinomial regression):

```

# glmnet
fit.glmnet <- fit.glmnet <- glmnet::glmnet(
  x = X, y = Y,
  family = "multinomial",
  intercept = FALSE,
  type.multinomial = "grouped", # same sparsity pattern for all outcome classes
  lambda = 0.1, alpha = 0)
# Elastic-net reparametrization
alpha <- 0
lambda <- 0.1
lambda1 <- lambda*alpha

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lambda2 <- 0.5*lambda*(1 - alpha)
# mtool
fit.mtool <- mtool::mtool.MNlogistic(
X = cbind(X),
Y = Y,
offset = rep(0, length(Y)),
  N_covariates = 0,
  regularization = 'elastic-net',
  transpose = FALSE,
  lambda1 = lambda1, lambda2 = lambda2,
    lambda3 = 0
)

```

Results table for coefficients for class 2:

| Covariates | True coefficients | glmnet | mtool |
|------------|-------------------|--------|-------|
| x1 | 0.5 | 0.392 | NaN |
| x2 | 0.5 | 0.432 | NaN |
| x3 | 0.5 | 0.391 | NaN |
| x4 | 0.5 | 0.451 | NaN |
| x5 | 0.5 | 0.129 | NaN |
| x1 | 0 | -0.039 | NaN |
| x2 | 0 | -0.086 | NaN |
| x3 | 0 | -0.021 | NaN |
| x4 | 0 | 0.026 | NaN |
| x5 | 0 | 0.034 | NaN |